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SUBJECT: REYNOLDS GUYANA

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1. WILLIAM B. CIOFFI, REYNOLDS RESIDENT MANAGER AT KWAKWANI (BRITISH MARRIED TO GUYANESE) REQUESTED MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR WHO SAW HIM WITH HUNT MORNING OF 11 DEC. CIOFFI HAS RECEIVED ORDERS FROM RICHMOND (RELAYED THROUGH SURINAM VIA REYNOLDS GUYANA PILOT) TO PROCEED WITH WIFE TO SURINAM BY REYNOLDS PLANE 18 DEC AND THEN TO RICHMOND 21 DEC. WHERE HE WILL RECEIVE NEW ASSIGNMENT, PERHAPS TO JAMAICA OR HAITI.

2. ALTHOUGH CIOFFI DESCRIBES ATMOSPHERE AT KWAKWANI AS SOMEWHAT STRAINED WITH "POLITICAL TYPES" JOCKEYING FOR POSITION IN NEW SET UP, HE SAYS HE IS IN CONTROL AND NOT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT PERSONAL SAFETY. HE INDICATED ORDER FOR REMOVAL NOT HIS DOING AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER GOG REACTION TO FURTHER EVIDENCE OF ABANDONMENT. HE REPORTS BEING ADVISED THAT REYNOLDS WILL SEND IN FUNDS FOR TWO MORE PAYROLLS THROUGH YEAR-END.

3. CIOFFI PLANS TO PROCEED AS ORDERED. HE WILL TAKE CARE TO GIVE TRIP APPEARANCE OF ONE OF HIS FREQUENT BRIEF VISITS TO SURINAM. WILL SEND BACK WITH PILOT A DESIGNATION OF A GUYANESE AS ACTING MANAGER AT KWAKWANI.

4. BELIEVE CIOFFI SHOULD BE PROTECTED GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE
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AS SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION. PERHAPS BEST NOT TO RAISE SUBJECT

AT ALL WITH REYNOLDS UNTIL IT CAN BE SEEN WHETHER DEVELOPMENTS
INNEGOTIATIONS MAY INDUCE COMPANY TO SEND PEOPLE TO GUYANA TO
COMPLETE TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS. EVEN THEN, BEST TO ELICIT
DISCLOSURE FROM REYNOLDS OF ANY PLANNED MOVES WHICH MAY AFFECT
NEGOTIATING CLIMATE.

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